

15 November 1954

MEMORANDUM FOR: CHIEF, INSPECTION AND REVIEW STAFF

SUBJECT: Memorandum of Conversation with Colonel Lane

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25X1A8a Colonel Lane's introductory conversation with [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] was held from 1020 to 1040 hours on 12 November 1954 in
[REDACTED] office. Others present: [REDACTED] and
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2. Colonel Lane repeated in apparently similar but briefer terms the same assurances which he had given DD/P concerning his full awareness of the security problem. [REDACTED] indicated in very short 25X1A9a outline form that his briefing of Colonel Lane would take up, one by one, the CS Policy Book, the CS General Plan, the Annual Country Programs, Operational Projects, and the process of Reporting. He showed Colonel Lane a map of Military Requirements for Clandestine Services Wartime Action in [REDACTED] and stated that [REDACTED] Chief of the [REDACTED] 25X1C8a War Plans Division, would give a full description of the war planning problem and procedure. 25X1A9a

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3. Although this session was not long enough to give any substantial indication of Colonel Lane's interest and approach, there were at least brief suggestions of special interest in the following:

a. A repeated indication of strong security consciousness including not only his own assurances of caution in this respect but also an interest in observing whether the personnel of this organization are carefully and fully meeting their security obligations. He asked specifically whether the Clandestine Services have their own security personnel in addition to the staff of the CIA Security Office.

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b. Colonel Lane mentioned that he had been in or around Munich at the time of the inception of [REDACTED] and that, knowing something then about that organization, he was especially interested now in its character and effectiveness.

c. Colonel Lane stated that, in his observation of Clandestine Services activities, he especially desired to see and observe the people who actually did the work and to do so in their own offices.

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d. Colonel Lane seemed surprised at the extent of the CS war planning organization, as very briefly indicated in this session, and especially at the fact that there are CIA war planning representatives actually in the staffs of the major military theater headquarters commands.

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4. It was agreed that [REDACTED] would be the first of the detailed briefings for Colonel Lane on the Clandestine Services, and that from one to two days would be allowed, depending on Colonel Lane's wishes.

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Deputy Chief, [REDACTED]

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